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represented on the Whitsun Working Staff. This mistake has been rectified in the preparations for the Festival. The ideological training of Volkspolizei members must be undertaken with renewed intensity. The meaning of the World Youth Festival must be emphasized in the treatment of every subject taken up in general police political instruction and in the circles of the FDJ. In addition, it is the duty of each member of the Volkspolizei to avail himself of every opportunity to discuss the goals of the Festival in his family circle and with all elements of the population with which he comes in contact. This can only occur, however, if each policeman takes pains to further his ideological training.

- B. The Whitsuntide meeting also demonstrated that some members of the police were too heavily burdened with work and were unequal to their duties. There is no doubt that every policeman was taxed to the utmost. We must definitely see to it that the entire work load is equitably distributed so that no police officers have to drop out because of fatigue.
- C. The traffic regulations established for Whitsuntide were, with but few exceptions, effective. It should be emphasized that such an important task is not solely the responsibility of the traffic police, but that each member of the police must cooperate in avoiding traffic disturbances and accidents. It is of particular importance that participants in the Festival be reminded of the dangers which can occur in the use of motor vehicles and careless behavior in traffic. It must be stressed that many youths will be coming from rural districts to Berlin for the first time and are not used to large city traffic. In connection with this problem, every policeman must be a model to the visitors.
- D. Volkspolizei members who are assigned to the protection and security of activities and demonstrations must know their instructions in exact detail and fulfill their duties at their assigned posts in a disciplined manner. They must remember that they will be in full view of the public and must govern their behavior accordingly. Forces from the DDR and from all sections of the Volkspolizei will be assigned to the protection of the Festival, and they will require the complete support of members of the Berlin Uniformed Constabulary.\*
- E. The observation and security of the Sector boundaries will be one of the main tasks of the Volkspolizei during the Festival, and this task will be entrusted to our most reliable policemen, who must be fully aware of their important duties. During the Whitsuntide meeting it was shown that the police assigned to secure the Sector boundaries were not completely cognizant of the meaning of their task. The participants in the Festival must absolutely be restrained from crossing into the Western Sectors.
- F. The prevention of anti-democratic propaganda is one of the principal concerns of the Criminal Police, but it can only be accomplished in cooperation with all members of the Volkspolizei. It is especially necessary that a planned supervision of all public transportation and communication be organized in consultation with reliable members of the FDJ, progressive employees of the Berlin Transportation Company (BVG) and the Transportation Police (Trapo). The prevention of anti-democratic acts must be undertaken in a like manner.
- G. The proper reporting of all incidents to the central agency within the police is a decisive factor in the disposition of police effectives. Reports must be factual and will be forwarded with utmost speed. During the Whitsuntide meeting police telephone

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lines were continually busy, with the result that the operational commitment of police was endangered. For this reason, we must determine whether the number of reports can be reduced. In this connection, greater use must be made of ropes for cordoning off poses, thereby freeing additional policemen for other tasks.

### 3. Lessons learned from the Potsdamer Platz Incident:\*\*

The provocation which occurred at Potsdamer Platz in March 1951 and the incorrect behavior of the Volkspolizei at that time serve to point out to us that our enemies will attempt anything to occasion a new war and that the ideological training of the Volkspolizei is not yet sufficiently advanced to insure the correct handling of incidents of this type. The incident further shows that it is no longer easy for the Western warmongers to find a willing tool for their provocations, but that they themselves must take an active part in such affairs. This can best be seen in Korea, where American troops are bearing the largest burden. We cannot, however, consider the Potsdamer Platz incident as a pattern, inasmuch as the provocations will take various forms. But the manner of treating such incidents by the Volkspolizei, who are the objects of the provocation, will always be the same in that all members of the police must possess the necessary ideological background to be able to recognize a provocation. Hatred of warmongers, which is present in all of us, must not mislead us to precipitate actions. We must understand how to make sacrifices in our fight for peace, even if the sacrifice is painful to us. No sacrifice is too high if it will enable us to avoid a new world slaughter. A precipitate action on our part can be the cause of a serious international conflict.

25X1A \* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: Effectives of the HVA are expected to be assigned to duty in Berlin during the Festival, but it is not yet known whether they will be in uniform and how they will be armed.)

25X1A \* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: The Potsdamer Platz incident refers to the firing by members of the Volkspolizei on US Army Special Service tour buses carrying US personnel and dependents in March 1951.)

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